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**NATIONALLY RENOWNED CHILD ADVOCATE AND CRIME FIGHTER
JOHN WALSH ENDORSES MIAMI BEACH SEX OFFENDER ORDINANCE**

(Miami Beach, FL) - June 28, 2005 - John Walsh, longtime child advocate and crime fighter, has endorsed Miami Beach's recently approved distance separation ordinance, which requires that convicted sex offenders live at least 2,500 feet from parks, schools, and other areas where children gather. Mr. Walsh noted that "this local distance separation requirement, along with stronger sentencing and monitoring requirements, will empower local law enforcement to better protect the most innocent and vulnerable in our society from persons convicted of these heinous crimes."

The America's Most Wanted host also praised the City of Miami Beach's efforts to protect its children from sex offenders and their crimes: "I know that I speak for other concerned citizens in the Miami Beach community and I applaud the City Council's efforts to protect children and other innocent victims."

Miami Beach Mayor David Dermer, who originally proposed the ordinance on April 8th, expressed his gratitude to Walsh for his support: "John Walsh is a true champion of child safety, child victim advocacy, and crime fighting as a whole. His own personal experiences and his tireless efforts to combat those who victimize our children have made him an authority on the specific type of criminals that our ordinance targets."

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